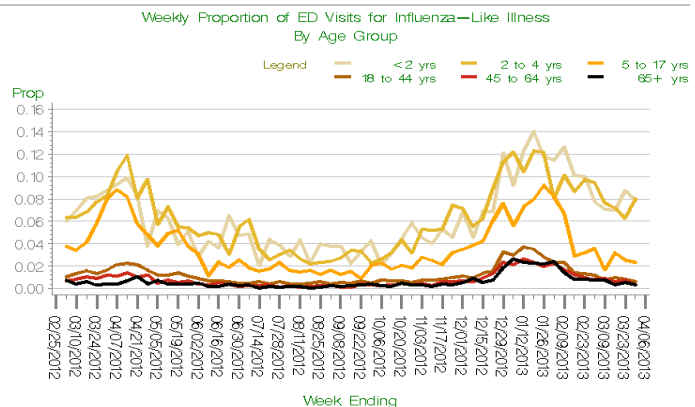
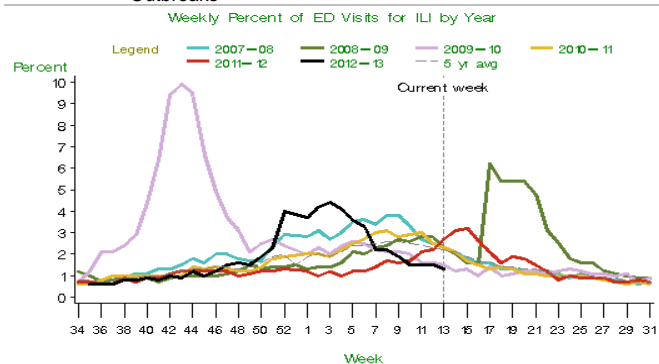


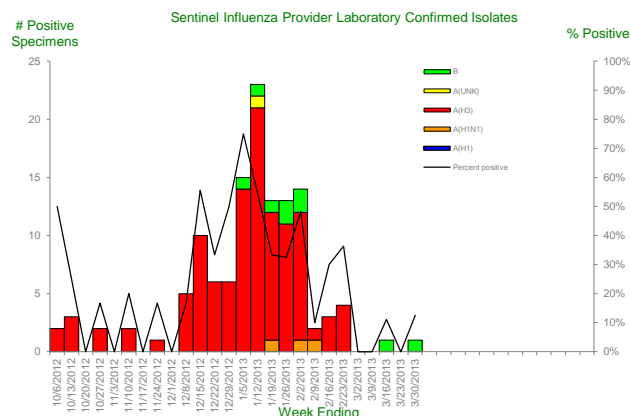
Influenza activity during week 13 continued at low levels, but remained above baseline. PHSKC received no reports of influenza-related deaths and no reports of outbreaks of influenza-like illness (ILI) at long-term care facilities. One of eight specimens submitted to the PHSKC lab tested positive for influenza B. For the seventh consecutive week, the percent of ED ILI visits remained elevated relative to the 5-year average among children under 2 years, but was at or near baseline levels among all other age groups. The University of Washington Virology Laboratory data showed both influenza A and B holding steady slightly above baseline for the fifth consecutive week, with other respiratory viruses, including respiratory syncytial virus (RSV) and rhinovirus, also beginning to decline.

	Data for this week	Cumulative data this season since October 1, 2012
Laboratory-Confirmed Influenza Deaths	0	24
King County Outpatient Sentinel Influenza Providers		
Specimens Submitted	8	378
Proportion Positive for Influenza	12.5%	Season Peak: 75.0%
A (H1)	0	3
A (H3)	0	113
A (Unknown)	0	1
B	1	9
Hospital Laboratory Influenza Rapid Antigen Test Submissions		
Number of Labs Reporting	5	Weekly Average: 8
Number of Specimens Submitted	114	Weekly Average: 454
Proportion of Tests Positive for Influenza	3.5%	Season Peak: 21.2%
Hospital Emergency Department (ED) Visits for Influenza-like Illness (ILI)		
Proportion of Visits Due to ILI	1.3%	Season Peak: 4.4%
Percent of All King County Deaths Due to Pneumonia and Influenza (P & I)	5.0%	--
National Epidemic Threshold	7.5%	# Weeks Threshold Exceeded: 4
Respiratory Disease Outbreaks at Long-Term Care Facilities (LCTFs)	0	60
Laboratory-Confirmed LTCF Influenza Outbreaks	0	51



Note: 5 yr avg excludes the current season and the 2009 H1N1 pandemic period
 Last updated Mar 31, 2013 ; 'current week' is week ending Mar 30, 2013

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Resources

Additional Flu Information, Resources and Surveillance:

www.kingcounty.gov/health/flu

UW Virology Laboratory Respiratory Virus Surveillance:

<http://depts.washington.edu/rspvirus/documents/VD2012-13.pdf>

Washington State Influenza Surveillance Update:

www.doh.wa.gov/EHSPHL/Epidemiology/CD/fluupdate.pdf

National Influenza Update:

www.cdc.gov/flu/weekly/

Global Influenza Update:

www.who.int/csr/disease/influenza/en/